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SUBJECT: CHANGES TO ISSUES AND TALKING POINTS PAPER

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1. DEPARTMENT SUBMITS FOLLOWING CHANGES TO ITEM 3
(YEAR OF EUROPE) OF SECRETARY'S ISSUES AND TALKING
POINTS PAPER FOR SPAIN. CHANGES WERE OCCASIONED BY
GOS DEMARCHE TO AMB. RUMSFELD RELATED IN REF. (A).

(A) P. 5, DELETE "SPANISH POSITION" AND FOLLOWING
PARAGRAPH. TO LAST PARAGRAPH, ADD: "IN THEIR MOST
RECENT DEMARCHE, THE SPANISH AMBASSADOR IN BELGIUM
ASKED AMB. RUMSFELD TO PASS ON TO YOU THE LATEST
SPANISH POSITION ON ATLANTIC RELATIONS IN THE HOPE
THAT YOU WOULD CHAMPION THE SPANISH CAUSE DURING
THE NATO MINISTERIAL MEETING."

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(B) CONTINUE ITEM AS FOLLOWS:

SPANISH POSITION

THE GOS HAS CONCLUDED THAT SPAIN NOW HAS THE CREDENTIALS TO BEGIN TO MOVE TOWARD INTEGRATION INTO WESTERN EUROPEAN INSTITUTIONS: A STRATEGIC GEOGRAPHIC POSITION COUPLED WITH A POPULATION OF 35 MILLION, INTERNATIONAL RESERVES OF \$7 BILLION AND A FOUR-YEAR BALANCE OF PAYMENTS SURPLUS, AN INCREASINGLY MODERN MILITARY FORCE, AND OTHER ATTRIBUTES OF A MODERN EVOLVING SOCIETY SUCH AS STRIKES AND STUDENT DISORDERS. THE GOS IS PREPARED TO MAKE AN EFFECTIVE CONTRIBUTION TO SHARE THE BURDEN OF EUROPEAN DEFENSE. THE WILLINGNESS OF THE UNITED STATES AND ITS EUROPEAN ALLIES TO STUDY THE POSSIBLE SPANISH ROLE IN ANY ATLANTIC DECLARATION IS OF GREAT IMPORTANCE TO MADRID. THE GOS BELIEVES THAT OUR NATO ALLIES ARE MILITARILY DEPENDENT UPON US AND THUS WOULD ACCEDE TO A U.S. INITIATIVE TO MOVE SPAIN INTO EUROPEAN INSTITUTIONS.

IN HIS MEETING WITH YOU AT THE UNGA, LOPEZ RODO SAID HE BELIEVED ANY DOCUMENT NOT INVOLVING SPAIN WOULD HAVE A VERY NEGATIVE IMPACT FOR SPAIN. THIS WAS FOLLOWED BY HIS HANDING YOU A GOS MEMORANDUM ON A "JOINT DECLARATION," THE LAST PARAGRAPH OF WHICH STATED THAT SHOULD THE SIGNING OF THE ATLANTIC DECLARATION TAKE PLACE ON "A BASIS OF INEQUALITY," IT WOULD CALL FOR AN ESSENTIAL MODIFICATION OF THE JURIDICAL NATURE AND CONTENT OF THE AGREEMENT OF FRIENDSHIP AND COOPERATION.

US POSITION

WE SUPPORT FULL SPANISH MEMBERSHIP IN NATO AND THE EC AND HAVE WORKED TO BRING SPAIN AND NATO CLOSER TOGETHER. IT IS IN OUR INTEREST THAT SPAIN BE INCLUDED IN SOME WAY IN THE DECLARATION ENTERPRISE. IN NEW YORK YOU TOLD LOPEZ RODO, "THERE WILL BE NO TROUBLE WITH SPAIN'S ASSOCIATING ITSELF AS AN EQUAL, SOVEREIGN COUNTRY." WE DO NOT AGREE WITH THOSE
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WESTERN EUROPEAN GOVERNMENTS WHICH HOLD THAT THE GOS MUST LIBERALIZE BASIC SPANISH INSTITUTIONS AS A PREREQUISITE TO SPANISH ENTRY INTO NATO. HOWEVER, THIS POLICY CONSTITUTES A REALITY, AND WE SIMPLY DO NOT HAVE THE LEVERAGE TO FORCE OUR ALLIES TO CHANGE THEIR MINDS ON THIS POINT.

YOUR TALKING POINTS

-- A FINAL DECISION ON A PRESIDENTIAL TRIP TO EUROPE WILL DEPEND ON THE DEVELOPMENT OF MEANINGFUL SUBSTANTIVE DECLARATIONS.

-- THE PRESIDENT IS MOST APPRECIATIVE OF THE SPANISH GOVERNMENT'S SUGGESTION THAT HE INCLUDE A VISIT TO SPAIN DURING HIS EUROPEAN VISIT. THE ITINERARY AND SCHEDULE HAVE NOT YET BEEN SET, AND WHILE NO COMMITMENTS CAN BE MADE, THE SPANISH INVITATION WILL BE KEPT FULLY IN MIND.

-- WE ARE SYMPATHETIC TO SPAIN'S DESIRE TO ASSOCIATE ITSELF IN AN APPROPRIATE WAY ON AN EQUAL, SOVEREIGN BASIS WITH WHATEVER MAY ULTIMATELY EMERGE FROM THE "YEAR OF EUROPE."

-- AT THE PRESENT TIME IT IS DIFFICULT TO FORESEE EXACTLY HOW THIS CAN BE ACCOMPLISHED SINCE THE TWO DRAFT DECLARATIONS NOW BEING WORKED ON ARE THE US-EC NINE DECLARATION AND THE DECLARATION OF THE FIFTEEN NATO MEMBERS.

-- WE WILL CONTINUE TO STRIVE TO BRING SPAIN AND NATO CLOSER TOGETHER, AND WE CONTINUE TO FAVOR EVENTUAL FULL SPANISH MEMBERSHIP IN THE EC.

-- WHILE WE INTEND TO CONTINUE OUR ASSISTANCE TO THE GOS IN ITS EFFORT TO MOVE CLOSER TO WESTERN EUROPE, WE WILL DO NO MORE THAN SPANIARDS THEMSELVES ARE PREPARED TO DO IN THEIR OWN BEHALF. WE WILL BE CONVINCED OF MADRID'S SERIOUSNESS OF PURPOSE WHEN THE GOS MOUNTS AN INTENSIVE AND, IF NECESSARY,
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PROLONGED EFFORT IN EUROPEAN CAPITALS TO CONVINCE THEM OF SPAIN'S RIGHT TO BE A FULL MEMBER OF THE WESTERN EUROPEAN COMMUNITY. RUSH

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